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Status

- Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- This action is **FINAL**.
- Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 1 1; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

Claim(s) 1 - 3 0 is/are pending in the application.
 Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

Claim(s) 113, 25 and 27-30 is/are rejected.

Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.
- The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
 - All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.
 - received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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Art Unit:

Claims 1-30 are presented for examination.

The amendments and remarks filed on February 22, 1999 have been received and entered.

Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Hazariwala et al.

And Fechner.

Hazariwala et al. Teach the use of 2% hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose as a safe viscoelastic material used during cataract surgery. Fechner teaches a process for preparing the 2% hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose of dissolving, filtering and autoclaving.

One skilled in the art would have been motivated to combine the teachings of the above references, since they in combination relate to a safe composition of hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose in ophthalmic surgery and also a process for preparing such composition. Applicant has presented no evidence to establish the unexpected or unobvious nature of the claimed invention, and as such, claims 1-30 are properly rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103.

1. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Fay whose telephone number is (703) 308-4604.

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